

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 36, line 13, as follows:

When Mo coexists with the martensite phase, as described in Japanese Patent No. ~~2003-380203~~ 2002-380203 proposed by the inventors, Si will decrease the maximum concentration of Mo, demonstrating tempering-softening resistance effectively. Accordingly, in this embodiment, from an economical viewpoint, a concentration of Mo or Mo and W in the martensite phase is adjusted to 0 to $4.0-0.5 \times (\text{Si}(\text{wt}\%) + \text{Al}(\text{wt}\%))$. Consequently, Mo in an amount of 0 to 5.5wt% or Mo and W in an amount of 0 to 5.5wt% is added to the ferrous sintered sliding material. In order to ensure quench-hardening ability by gas cooling after sintering-bonding, Mo is preferably added in an amount of 1 to 5.5wt%. And, an effective concentration of Mo in martensite phase for improving tempering-softening resistance of the martensite is 0 to 2.5wt%. Accordingly, in this embodiment, from an economical viewpoint, addition amounts of Si and Mo are preferably 1 to 2.5wt% and 1 to 2.8wt%, respectively, more preferably 1.5 to 2.5wt% and 1 to 2wt%, respectively.